

**QUESTIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR LINDA SÁNCHEZ
FOR DAVID IGLESIAS**

1. Have you been publicly recognized for your work on immigration or border security-related issues?

Yes, I have received two “New Mexico Medal of Merit” awards from the New Mexico National Guard, one in 2003 and one in 2007. I have been advised it is the highest honor the New Mexico National Guard awards to civilians. The pertinent language in the 2007 citation reads, “*Mr. Iglesias has distinguished himself as a great supporter of the military and continues to champion New Mexico National Guard efforts in support of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies along the United States and Mexican border.*” The 2003 citation is very similar in language. Both were publicly awarded, one in front of a convention of approximately 1,500 persons.

2. The New York Times reported that the Justice Department review of your job performance was very positive and that you were praised because you were "respected by the judiciary, agencies and staff" and had a strategic plan that "complied with the department's priorities." Is that a correct description of your evaluation by the Justice Department?

Yes, the first quote is from the 2006 EARS evaluation. As to priorities, I will quote from a Jan 24, 2006, letter from Mike Battle, former Director of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys, to me; “*I want to commend you for your exemplary leadership in the Department’s priority programs, including Anti-terrorism, Weed and Seed, and the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee.*”

3. Were you ever told by anyone at DOJ that you were not complying with the policy or other priorities of the Administration or that there was any problem relating to alleged absences from the office?

No.

4. Some reports suggest that your alleged failure to pursue allegations of voter fraud contributed to your dismissal. Please state your response to such claims.

While I was never advised by anyone in the Administration that they were dissatisfied with my Election Fraud Task Force, which I established in 2004, I have learned since my March 6, 2007 testimony, that local Republican officials complained in 2005 and 2006 to Senator Pete Domenici, Karl Rove and President Bush that they were unhappy with my lack of voter fraud prosecutions.

5. Please describe any awards, commendations, or other performance-related assessments

that you received during your tenure as United States Attorney for New Mexico.

I refer you to my positive EARS evaluations from 2003 and 2006. I will supplement this answer as to awards as my office did receive awards. I will need time to track this down.

6. Did you ever receive a warning from the Justice Department that your office's priorities would result in you being asked to resign?

No.

7. When you were notified by Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director Michael Battle that you were being asked to resign, did he give you any explanation why this was being done?

No, in fact he said, "*I don't know and I don't want to know*" the reasons behind the firings.

8. Please describe any conversations you had with officials at the Department of Justice relating to your termination as U.S. Attorney that occurred after the notification you received on December 7, 2006. Your description of each conversation should include, but is not limited to, who initiated each call, who participated, and what was said by whom. In addition, if you discussed any of these calls with any of the other former U.S. Attorneys who testified at the hearing, please describe any of these conversations.

The only conversation I had was with Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty in January 2007. I asked him to extend my termination date from January 31, 2007 to the end of February 2007. It was a short, cordial conversation. I told him I needed time to find a job and that seven weeks over the Holidays was not enough time to find a good job in New Mexico. I believe I told most of my other former US Attorney colleagues of the phone call.

9. What effect, if any, did the Administration's annual budget cuts have on your office?

We have had to prosecute more cases with fewer people, especially administrative support personnel.

10. Did these budget cuts have a disproportionate effect on your office? If so, please explain why.

I don't understand this question.